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Monthly Newsletter

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President - Stephen Schmidt Vice President - Don Ashley Secretary - Pat Koppel Treasurer - Dick Jackson

The President's Dispatch

We all know that Christmas is just around the corner and I know most of us are busy with Holiday plans with family and friends. The Holston Stamp Club is part of our Family and Friends, so,



get prepared for our club Christmas party on the 15th of December this year. That is the earliest that our regular meeting can occur in any month. I hope to see you all there and don't forget to bring that philatelic white elephant present with you for our member gift exchange. There will be pizza and drinks provided by the club. Members are asked to bring their favorite Holiday treat to share with the club.

The idea of reducing dues for 2017 (introduced by me per a suggestion made to me by another member) seemed to be well accepted by the members in attendance at our November meeting. If you haven't paid your dues for next year yet you can still get the \$5 discount if you pay them by December 31, 2016. If you are not planning on attending the December meeting and still want to take advantage of the early bird discount, you can mail your dues (\$10 with newsletter via e-mail, \$15 with newsletter via USPS mail - add \$5 to these for a family membership) to Richard Jackson, 422 Lake Point Court, Piney Flats, TN 37686.

Don Ashley reminded everyone that the entries for the HOLPEX 2017 cachet contest are due at the next meeting. Let's have some fun designing cachets and get them submitted on time.

Don't forget, the club has hundreds of covers that you can purchase for 15¢ each. Various persons have found some very interesting covers in these boxes. If you haven't looked through them yet, take a look. You never know what you might find of interest to you.

Dick Jackson pointed out the fact that the American Philatelic Society has a 5% buyer's premium on purchases made from the

Club Calendar



*Guests and Visitors
always Welcome!*

**Dec. 15th - 7 p.m.
Monthly Meeting**

circuit books they send to the club every month. These books can be a great source for filling in some of those blank spaces in your collection. Take a look at them when you get a chance.

Bob Smith passed along that he heard only 75% of the USPS' inverted Jenny souvenir stamp sheets have sold. Also the remaining 25% are only available from local post offices around the country (the CAVE is out of stock). So far only 30 of 100 sheets with upright Jennys have been reported to be found. That means 70 of the remaining upright souvenir sheets should be among the last 25% of the unsold sheets. That means your odds of finding an upright Jenny sheet SHOULD BE better than ever. Feeling lucky?

Steve



HOLPEX 2017 Cachet by Don Ashley

Calling all Cachet makers, designers and dreamers.....

The December Holston Stamp Club meeting will be the final date to give your "cachet creation" to Dennis Bowman and his committee. (Rules were listed in last month's newsletter.)

The actual covers will be held in a secure place and all submissions will be reviewed between the Dec. 2016 meeting and the Jan. 2017 meeting.

The winner will be announced by Mr. Bowman at the January Holston Stamp Club meeting.

Remember a \$25 prize is offered!

Good luck to all.

Reminder to Members - We will conduct a special auction either before or after the white elephant gift exchange, so, bring your items to the December meeting (a maximum of 20 per member).

Please fill out the special auction sheet for your lots in advance (two copies please) and mark the lots accordingly.



Unless otherwise indicated
by announcement in the newsletter,
Holston Stamp Club conducts its regular
meeting on the 3rd Thursday
each month at 7 p.m.

Hope to C. U. there

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Monthly Treasury Report

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 2016 \$2,292.59

Total Income for Nov. \$316.60

Auction Sales of donated items \$136.60

2017 Club dues \$180.00

Total Disbursements for Nov. (\$165.20)

APS Circuit Book Expenses (\$ 8.80)

Stamp purchase from Dutch Country (\$156.40)

Balance on hand Nov. 30, 2016 \$2,443.99

Cash on hand Nov. 30, 2016 \$2,538.49

Uncleared checks / Adjustment \$94.50

FYI. Ninety-nine lots were sold at the special auction (combination of items from six members, items donated to the club and items from the club's inventory). The items sold for a total of \$392.97.

Stamp of the Month

by your Newsletter Editor

Did you notice the USPS expanded its series of original artwork Christmas theme stamps focused on the Star of Bethlehem this year by issuing a third one.

The first stamp was issued in
2013 and was titled, *Holy Family*.



The second stamp was issued in 2014 and was titled
Christmas Maji.



The third stamp was issued earlier this year and is titled, *Nativity*.



Holston Stamp Club Special Auction – Lot Owner List

Owner Name _____, Owner Initials xx _____ Please print or type.

Owner Initials xx	Lot #	Catalog # and/or Description	Catalog Value	Catalog Used	Minimum Bid \$	Winning Bidder #	Winning Bid \$
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